



Squadron Officer College (SOC)
encompasses the Air and Space Basic
Course (ASBC) and Squadron Officer
School (SOS)

SOC MISSION

To develop 21st century Airmen who can
advocate what air and space power brings
to the fight, value team achievement over
individual success, and value their vital role
in the profession of arms

SOC VISION

Squadron Officer College will produce
CGOs with the heart and mind of a
warrior and a passion for commanding air
and space power



U.S. AIR FORCE

MYTH OR FACT?

Myth: "ASBC is mostly a rehash of
what officers learn in their
commissioning programs"

Fact: Academic tests show an avg 36%
increase from pre- to post-course
instruction

Myth: "Commissioning programs
should do this stuff...fix those
programs and don't do ASBC!"

Fact: By design; ASBC is distinct from
pre-commissioning...a common bond
experience across all commissioning
sources



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AIR AND SPACE BASIC COURSE (ASBC)

*Why should I send my
lieutenants to ASBC?
What's in it for the
USAF? Why should I
suggest ASBC Flight
Commander duty for
my captains?*



ASBC: What's in it for the Air Force

CORONA's Vision

1996 CORONA identified 5 deficiencies among AF officers...

- Identification with their career specialties **rather than identifying as Airmen first**
- **Tend to undervalue the importance of teamwork in accomplishing the mission and do not understand how to build unit cohesion and loyalty**
- **Do not have a clear understanding of Air Force distinctive capabilities and Air Force history**
- **Have not been able to articulate the role of air and space power in the realm of joint operations**
- **Lack a common view of Air Force core values**

ASBC was created to address these deficiencies...

ASBC Mission

To inspire new USAF officers to comprehend their roles as Airmen who understand and live by USAF core values, can articulate and advocate what air and space power brings to the fight, and are dedicated as warriors in the world's most respected air and space force

ASBC: What's in it for the 2Lt?

- ASBC establishes a doctrinal foundation ...2Lts learn the family business
- Mitigates AFSC stovepipes before they are formed
- Provides a common foundational experience for all LAF officers

Further Study from the 23 Sept 2005 AF Audit Agency Report...

"The ASBC was necessary for all new line officers. Specifically for more than 2,000 students attending ASBC during FY2004, 90 percent had not mastered an overall understanding of Air Force operations...and nearly 93 percent of the ASBC graduates supported the need for the course. **THIS OCCURRED BECAUSE THE ASBC STAFF CREATED A COURSE THAT EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED THE DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED BY CORONA 1996.**"

Who Attends?

Line USAF officers within their first year of commissioned service.

Why should I suggest ASBC Flight Commander duty for my captains?

- **Successful Leader.** Commands peer respect, mentors leaders across career fields
- **Air & Space Power Advocate.** Steeped in doctrine, profession of arms, and Joint fight
- **Broadened Officer.** Understands "big picture" and functional community synergy
- **Team Builder & Skilled Communicator.** Effective, poised, confident in a Total Force
- **Culturally Aware Leader.** Coalition advocate, creates lasting international bonds

